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SUMMIT

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- 1. AS REPORTED BAGHDAD REFTEL, STATE REFTEL RECEIVED MARCH 3 AFTER GOI DEL TO OPEC SUMMIT HAD DEPARTED FOR ALGIERS.
- 2. HOWEVER, ON BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AT RIYADH COM MEETING, I HAD ALREADY BRIEFED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS IBRAHIM AL-WALI ON FEB 27 ON U.S. POSITION ON CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE. I PARTICULARLY STRESSED POINTS IN PARA (A) AND (B). PARA (C) IS LESS RELEVANT TO IRAQ THAN MOST OTHER PRODUCERS. I HAD NOT SUGGESTED DIALOGUE CONTAINED PARA (D) SINCE I WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. IBRAHIM AL-WALI ACCOMPANIED SADDAM HUSSEIN TO OPEC SUMMIT.
- 3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, I DID NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION ON STATE REFTEL. I ASSUME, HOWEVER, INSTRUCTIONS REMAIN VALID TO POST-OPEC SUMMIT PERIOD AND I WILL SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY AFTER GOI DELEGATIONS RETURNS THIS WEEKEND TO CONVEY POINTS NOT PREVIOUSLY COVERED. INITIAL REACTION OF AL-WALI WAS REAL INTEREST IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. LOWRIE

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